

THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

CONGRESSIONAL.

PETITIONS were presented in the Senate on the 17th to forbid the importation of liquor to Africa; complaining of the suppression of the Republican vote in Mississippi; favoring the pensioning of army nurses; favoring the Educational bill, and several other pension petitions. After the report of committees a bill to authorize the President to confer brevet rank upon army officers for gallant services in Indian campaigns passed. Mr. Blair spoke three hours on his Educational bill and the Senate non-concurred in the House amendment to the bill to have statistics of mortgage indebtedness included in the next census. Adjourned. The House got into a wrangle over the power of the Speaker to count a quorum without the report of tellers, the question being upon the consideration of the World's Fair resolution. The motion to suspend the rules and make the World's Fair bills a special order finally prevailed. The bill to provide for the appointment of thirty additional medical examiners in the Pension office was then called up and debate on it continued until adjournment.

THE morning hour of the Senate on the 18th was devoted to routine business and when the Senate went into executive session the doors were reopened at 2:30 and Senator Blair continued his remarks, speaking nearly two hours, in which he attacked the press of the country for keeping from the people facts that he had laid before the Senate. The conference report, recommending that the House amendment of the bill requiring the census report to show the mortgage indebtedness of the country was agreed to. Senator Blair announced that he would talk two more days on his bill and the Senate adjourned. In the House the Pension bill was reported and placed on the calendar. After considering for a time the bill for the appointment of an Assistant Secretary of War, the Oklahoma bill was taken up and debated until adjournment.

THE proceedings of the Senate on the 19th were devoted to general interest. The resolution in regard to the late killing of a deputy marshal in Florida called out some explanatory remarks from Senator Packer. Mr. Blair continued his remarks on his Educational bill and again "pitched into" the press. In the course of his remarks he said that the time might come when a dog fight will not be more important in the opinion of this press than a great school bill, but that time had not yet been reached. After an executive session the Senate adjourned. The House passed the Senate bill to authorize the President to confer brevet rank upon any officers for gallant services in Indian campaigns since 1867. The Oklahoma bill was then debated in Committee of the Whole until adjournment.

AFTER passing several unimportant bills on the 20th the Senate took up the resolution of inquiry as to the recent killing of a deputy marshal (W. B. Saunders) in Florida, and Senator Packer continued his remarks, to which Senator Chandler replied. Senators Call and Hawley also took part in the discussion. The resolution calling on the Attorney-General for the facts was then adopted. Senator Blair then talked on his Educational bill until adjournment. In the House Mr. Morrill (Kan.) presented the conference report on the Senate bill to increase the pension of helpless soldiers. The agreement makes the proposed increase take effect from the date of passage of the bill or the issue of surgeon's certificate, whichever is later. The bill involved an expenditure of \$400,000 or \$450,000 for this year. The report was adopted. The World's Fair bill then came up as the special order and members spoke until adjournment. The claims of Washington, New York, Chicago and St. Louis were urged by friends of each city.

THE Senate on the 21st agreed to the conference report on the bill to increase the pensions of totally disabled soldiers. After several bills had been reported and placed on the calendar the Senate proceeded to consider the House Oklahoma bill for several hours. A number of bills for public buildings were then passed, among them for a building at Kansas City, Mo., \$2,500,000; Atchison and Emporia, Kan., \$100,000; and Salina, Kan., \$125,000. Adjourned until Monday. The entire day in the House was devoted to speeches on the World's Fair bill, different members again advocating in flowery language their favorite cities. Pension bills were considered at the evening session.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

THE pension payments for February will amount to \$18,000,000. A bill has been introduced in the House by Mr. Wade, of Missouri, to establish a Government postal telegraph. It appropriates \$8,000,000 for the purpose.

HARRY P. CLARK has been nominated by the President as supervisor of the census for Oklahoma.

EX-SECRETARY VILAS, interviewed, speaks hopefully of Democratic prospects in 1892 on the issue of tariff reform.

THE House Committee on Agriculture heard arguments regarding the regulation of the manufacture of lard on the 19th. The hearing was not concluded.

PRESIDENT HARRISON has approved the resolution congratulating the people of Brazil on the adoption of a republican form of government.

PRESIDENT HARRISON, accompanied by Andrew Carnegie, left Washington on the 19th for Pittsburgh to attend the dedication of Carnegie's free library at Allegheny City.

THE House Committee on Public Lands has unanimously agreed to report favorably a bill to repeal the Timber Culture law.

No more four per cent. bonds will be purchased by the Treasury Department until further notice.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL STAFF has written an official letter to Bank Examiner Kenyon in which he says the facts in the report of the latter in regard to the American Building & Loan Association of Minnesota do not constitute sufficient grounds for proceedings against the association.

SENATOR SAWYER has introduced an anti-lottery bill, one of the features of which authorizes the Postmaster-General to return registered letters addressed to lottery companies stamped with the word "Fraud."

MR. CARLISLE speaks of testing in the Supreme Court the constitutionality of Speaker Reed's counting a quorum.

PRESIDENT HARRISON returned to Washington on the 21st, and at once resumed his duties at the White House.

THE EAST.

ICE in the Erie canal is being cut for use in New York next summer. Canal ice has hitherto been considered valueless on account of its muddy appearance, but it is the best that can be had this year.

THE performance at the Broadway Theater, New York, for the benefit of Mrs. James G. Blaine, Jr., who is sick, netted \$4,000.

A MASS meeting of silver advocates was held at Cooper Union, New York, on the 18th.

By the burning of four large tenement houses in Newark, N. J., the other morning, Mary Jackson was burned to death and \$50,000 damage was done.

FIRE caused by a defective fuse caused the destruction of half a block of buildings in South Amboy, N. J., occupied by six firms, causing \$70,000 loss.

BISHOP WIGGON, of Newark, N. J., has ordered all Catholic children out of the public schools. Much resentment was manifested by the liberal element of his Church at this order.

The full vote, corrected, in the Fourth Congressional district of Pennsylvania for the unexpired term of the late Judge W. D. Kelley was: Reuben, Republican, 24,830; Ayres, Democrat, 16,444; Thumbleston, Prohibitionist, 238; Reuben's plurality, 8,384. Kelley's plurality over Ayres in 1888 was 9,639.

ANDREW CARNEGIE'S free public library at Allegheny City, Pa., was formally opened on the 20th by President Harrison.

ST. JOHN'S Roman Catholic Church at Greenbush, N. Y., was destroyed by fire the other day. Loss, \$75,000; insurance, \$42,000.

WILLIAM S. HOPKINS was hanged at Bellefonte, Pa., on the 20th. He was given two drops, the rope breaking at the first fall.

JACOB SCHROOF and Thomas J. Cole were hanged at Philadelphia on the 20th. Schroof was a baker and killed his employe for the poor man's savings, leaving his body in Fairmount Park. Cole killed a companion while drunk.

THE WEST.

THE Western Freight Association at Chicago on the 17th made a reduction from Missouri river points to Chicago, first class, of about 25 per cent.

CHICAGO Irishmen have determined to have no St. Patrick's day parade this year. MISS CORA BRANDENBURG, of Peoria, Ill., who was visiting friends in Minneapolis, Minn., the other night went to a drug store, when a man clipped her beautiful blonde hair close to her head. She was badly frightened but was otherwise unhurt.

CHRISTOPHER L. SHOLES, the inventor of the typewriter, died at Milwaukee, Wis., on the 17th.

THE Iowa House of Representatives has succeeded in breaking the deadlock with which it had been wrestling for the past four weeks. JOHN T. HAMILTON, Democrat, from Linn County, was elected Speaker. By the terms of compromise which have been accepted the Democrats have the Speaker and the Republicans the important chairmanships of committees.

A BLIZZARD prevailed in the Northwest on the 19th and 20th.

THE building contractor, Thomas Kavanagh, a member of camp 133, Clan-na-Gael, accused of being implicated in attempts to bribe possible jurors on the Cronin trial, has been acquitted.

THE Schneider Bros. and Vorce & Blee breweries at Springfield, O., have been sold to an English syndicate, to take effect May 15. Charles Schneider, who is a practical brewer, is to be superintendent of the two breweries.

THREE miners were instantly killed at Aspen, Col., recently, two by scaffolding giving way and one by a fall of rock.

GENERAL F. L. CRAMER, a Mason of high degree and one of the best known men in the Indian Territory, died recently at Oklahoma City.

THE arrest of J. B. Kelley at St. Louis for supposed connection with the Cronin murder at Chicago turned out to be a case of mistaken identity.

TWO bridges and many culverts have been destroyed by a heavy rainfall in Central Ohio.

PROPERTY owners of Dubuque, Ia., do not fear the proposed suit of the heirs of Julien Dubuque to obtain possession of the site of the city on an old claim.

THERE have been two bad accidents with engines and snow plows in California. Near Slason there was a collision of the engines caused by a coupling breaking. Several of the laborers were killed. At Cape Point mills, five locomotives were wrecked. Two men were killed and two injured.

THE jury in Bishop Dubs' case at Cleveland, O., returned a verdict of guilty. He was suspended from office until the meeting of the general conference in September, 1891, when the case will be reopened.

THE Gebhardt Paper Company, of Buffalo and Detroit, has assigned; assets and liabilities unknown.

THE Toledo (O.) Pump Company's works have been seized by the sheriff. The failure is total.

THERE was a serious fire in Toledo, O., on the morning of the 21st, breaking out in Breckinridge's fruit can factory. Loss, \$150,000; insurance, one-half.

ONE thousand miners of the Central Coal Company, of Springfield, Ill., recently quit work because not paid the wages due them.

THE SOUTH.

MARIE GRAS at New Orleans was credited with being a brilliant success.

R. E. H. SMITH, agent of the Corbin Banking Company, of New York City, at Elmore, La., where a large plantation store had been started, has disappeared with \$40,000 of the company's money.

THE Bloch Bros., tobacco manufacturers, of Wheeling, W. Va., whose place had been seized by the Government for selling overweight packages, recently compromised and were allowed to reopen. No criminal charges were made.

THE bill providing for the inspection of fresh meat slaughtered over 100 miles from the State has been approved by the Governor of Virginia.

REV. JOHN LANCE was murdered in Union County, Ga., the other night. It is supposed that the crime was committed by moonshiners, who feared that Lance would expose them.

JOHN WILEY, who was accused by Dick Hawes of being the murderer of Mrs. and Irene Hawes, was arraigned at Birmingham, Ala., after hearing his statement and that of Hawes. Justice Poe discharged him for lack of evidence. He was cheered by the people as he left the court room. No one believed Hawes' story.

EVERY railroad emigration agent has been driven from North Carolina by the indignant planters.

THE Navassa "rioters" were sentenced at Baltimore, Md., on the 20th. George S. Key, Henry Jeffrey and Edward Smith, convicted of murder, were sentenced to be hanged March 28. The fourteen men tried upon charges of manslaughter were sentenced to terms in the Albany, N. Y., penitentiary, ranging from two to ten years.

THE retiring State Treasurer of Mississippi, Colonel W. S. Heningway, was reported \$260,000 short. It was said, however, that every thing could be explained.

GENERAL.

THE Canadian Government proposes to send a commission to inquire into the report that the child of a United States officer killed in a raid is in the possession of Canadian Blackfeet Indians.

THE Canadian House of Commons has voted down an amendment to the bill to abolish French as an official language in the Northwest, to leave affairs as they are.

THE American Cotton Seed Oil Company has filed articles increasing its capital stock from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000.

THERE was a fight in a Socialist meeting at Muhlgaest, Saxony, recently. Soldiers restored order. Thirty persons were wounded.

THE London Chronicle's Paris correspondent reports that Harcourt's political drama "Le Mystere" will be performed on Easter Sunday. Sarah Bernhardt will play the Virgin Mary and Garner will take the part of Christ.

THE British Government's Land Purchase bill will provide for the combination of the Landed Estates Court and the Land Commission in a single tribunal for the settlement of land disputes with a view to simplifying and cheapening the transfer of land.

JOSEPH GILLIS BIGGAR, the well-known Home Ruler and member of the House of Commons for the west division of County Cavan, Ireland, died recently in London. He was sixty-two years old.

AN explosion occurred in a colliery near Decize, department of Nièvre, France, the other night. It was not known how many lives were lost, but thirty-four bodies had been recovered.

THE steamer Germaine, from New York, February 12, for Liverpool, arrived at Queenstown on the 20th. She reported having seen a large number of icebergs in the main track of steamers plying between Europe and America.

THE Socialists made notable gains in the elections for the German Reichstag on the 20th.

LETTERS from the City of Mexico report terrible ravages by influenza. JOHN LESTON's frame residence at Kingston, Ont., was on fire recently. Four children were suffocated in bed.

THE French language question in Canada has been settled. The Government was sustained in their proposal to leave the abolishment of French in the Northwest Territory to the local Legislature. They got a majority of 99.

TRAFFIC MANAGER SARGENT, of the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis road, pronounces the Alton's Federal railroad control scheme nonsensical.

CHARGES have been made of cutting on the new Missouri river rates and an uncomfortable feeling exists among freight men.

THREE thousand aborigines and many French convicts in New Caledonia have been attacked with leprosy. The disease is spreading at an alarming rate. Louise Michel talks of going to their succor.

BUSINESS failures (Dun's report) for the seven days ended February 20 numbered 371. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 270.

THE LATEST.

THE tobacco factory of Cameron & Silver, Richmond, Va., was burned recently. Loss, \$250,000; insurance light.

TWO prominent ladies of Newark, N. J., Mrs. M. E. Tyler and Miss C. E. Tyler, were killed recently in a runaway. Another lady was badly hurt.

By decree of the Pope the Lenten fast has been abolished this year. The cause was said to be on account of the influenza.

JOHN JACOB ASTOR died at New York on the 20th. He was worth \$150,000,000.

BY the explosion of a boiler in James Turner's saw mill at Ruthers Glen, Va., the other day, three men were killed and six wounded.

TWENTY-ONE persons have been indicted at Lafayette, La., for conspiracy in connection with their acts as regulators.

THE French Senate by a vote of 173 to 107 has passed the bill providing for summary proceedings against newspapers publishing libels on Government officials.

AN actor named Duncan C. Harrison was stabbed recently by another actor at the door of the Standard Theater, Chicago. A heavy overcoat prevented the knife wound extending as far as Harrison's heart.

CLEANING house returns for the week ended February 22 showed an average increase of 5.6 compared with the corresponding week of last year. In New York the increase was 4.3.

FIRE at Fortieth street, New York, on the 23d destroyed the Eagle wire works and other property. Loss, \$120,000.

NORTHERN MONTANA is experiencing a boom on account of discoveries of gold mines.

THE infant King of Spain took another sick spell on the 23d.

REV. HENRY DUNCAN, a white Free Will Baptist preacher, was hanged recently at Oskaf, Ala., for the murder of his wife.

FOURTEEN bodies of infants were found recently in Warsaw, Poland, after the burning of an establishment kept by a woman named Skoblinka.

A GOVERNMENT bill has been introduced in the Reichstag to extend the boundaries of Vienna. The measure will double the population of the city.

THE sentence on the Duke of Orleans has been commuted and he has been banished from France.

JEREMIAH O'DONNELL was found guilty at Chicago of attempting to bribe the Cronin jury. He was sentenced to the penitentiary for three years.

WASHINGTON'S birthday was celebrated throughout the country as usual on the 23d.

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

THE stalls and cattle sheds at the fair grounds at Salina, Kan., were destroyed by fire the other day.

A SOUTH-BOUND passenger train on the Santa Fe road was wrecked five miles south of Wichita on the 17th. Road-master Peters, who had charge of the engine, was killed. The fireman had a leg broken and several passengers were injured. Four cars and the engine were smashed up. The wreck was caused by the train running upon a burning trestle, which it was thought had been fixed by some tramp.

SECRETARY MOHLER, of the State Board of Agriculture, who recently returned from a trip to Northwest Kansas, says the farmers up there have concluded that the way in which to procure a good price for corn is to feed it to stock. Those who were compelled to part with their corn at a low price have done so, but there is an abundance left which will yield the farmers a handsome profit.

THE Governor has appointed Benjamin F. Simpson, of Topeka; George S. Greene, of Manhattan, and J. C. Strong, of Larned, Supreme Court Commissioners. These appointments will take effect March 1, the term being three years. The Governor has also appointed Judge Samuel C. Parks, of Winfield, member of the State Board of Pardoners.

ACCORDING to the report of Labor Commissioner Betton the total amount of capital employed in manufacturing in the State the past year was \$39,367,080; the total value of product for the year was \$51,442,801, and the total amount paid for labor (by these manufacturing) was \$3,269,682. Wyandotte County heads the list with \$12,073,000 of employed capital; a product of \$36,209,811, and \$3,554,817 paid for labor. Sedgewick ranks second with an employed capital of \$4,968,575; product, \$3,770,777, and paid for labor, \$620,750. Leavenworth is third with an employed capital of \$3,867,900; product, \$2,942,332, and for labor \$620,034, and Shawnee is fourth with an employed capital of \$3,629,575; product, \$2,442,913; labor, \$725,733.

EUGENE F. WARE, of Fort Scott, has made the city a proposition to the effect that he will furnish \$5,000 with which to begin a free library in that city, provided the City Council will furnish rooms for the same.

THE sheriff of Douglas County recently raided every joint in Lawrence and arrested seven persons charged with selling liquor.

FRANK SARRIN, at one time a leading real estate dealer of Wichita, was recently arrested and sentenced to three months in the county jail for wife beating.

At the recent meeting of the grand lodge A. F. & A. M., of Kansas, held at Salina, the following officers for the ensuing year were chosen: J. C. Postlethwait, of Mankato, M. W. G. M.; A. M. Callahan, of Topeka, D. G. M.; D. B. Fuller, of Eureka, S. G. W.; W. D. Thompson, of Minneapolis, J. G. W.; Christian Beck, of Leavenworth, grand treasurer, and J. H. Brown, of Kansas City, grand secretary. It was voted to hold the next annual meeting at Fort Scott. The Royal Arch Chapter elected Henry C. Cook, of Oswego, grand high priest; M. M. Miller, of Clay Center, deputy high priest; J. C. Postlethwait, of Jewell County, grand king; Bestor G. Brown, of Topeka, grand scribe; C. Beck, of Leavenworth, grand treasurer; John H. Brown, of Kansas City, Kan., grand secretary.

T. R. SHIPLEY, of Stevens County, was lately in Topeka asking for aid for the people of that county. He said that owing to the poorness of the crops in that county, which were small in spite of the abundance in most of the State, and owing to the want of food and clothing, and owing to the want of money, they are in very needy circumstances. They are in want of both food and clothing.

WILLIAM HATFIELD, once a well-to-do business man of Wichita, recently attempted suicide by taking poison. There was little hope for him.

LEVI WALKER, who shot and killed J. E. Perkins at Liberty November 25, has been captured in Springfield, Ill. He is an old soldier and is fifty-five years old.

THOMAS MARTIN, aged fifty, a farmer, was killed about six miles northwest of Atchison the other day while trying to stop a team of horses which had tried to run away.

FARMERS claim that they can clear fifteen cents a bushel on twenty-cent corn by feeding it to cattle.

JUNGE J. T. MORTON, of Topeka, recently received a note executed by him fifty years ago for \$1 with compound interest, which with principal and interest amounted to \$13.75. A half a century ago Mr. Morton bought a handkerchief of Alfred Kitchell in Illinois when the two were school boys together and gave him in payment this note bearing compound interest due in fifty years. Judge Morton offered to pay the note but the holder declined to receive the money.

THE State Mine Inspector has made an official report on the Alma Company's mine, which indicates that the venture is going to prove valuable to the people of Eastern Kansas. The vein for which the company is sinking is at a depth of 1,885 feet, is a first-class anthracite coal and rather above the best Pennsylvania anthracite. The vein is fifty-four inches thick, as shown by the drill, but is likely to prove six feet thick when reached.

J. N. PETRO, a merchant of Silver Lake, Shawnee County, has assigned with \$7,000 liabilities.

J. N. KERR, a Sedgewick County farmer, awoke the other morning to find his house in flames. He managed to escape through an upper story window and then broke in the door of a room below, where slept his wife and three children. They were insensible from suffocation, and it was only after a great effort that he managed to rescue them from the smoke and flames. All were more or less burned, Kerr himself perhaps fatally.

THERE was recently a big wolf hunt at the Fort Riley military reservation. Wolves in great numbers it is said infest that vicinity and prey upon small stock and poultry.

FRIGHTFUL FLOOD.

Bursting of a Dam and Outbreak of an Immense Reservoir.

Forty or More Lives Thought to Be Lost—The Disaster Thought to Be Due to Criminal Negligence.

PRESCOTT, A. T., Feb. 24.—The fine large storage dam built across the Hassayampa river by the Walnut Grove Water Storage Company two years ago at a cost of \$300,000 gave way Saturday morning under the pressure of a heavy flood and swept every thing before it. Forty persons are known to have lost their lives.

As the town of Wickenburg, thirty miles below the dam, was on the same stream fears were entertained for the safety of that town, but as there is no telegraph communication no certain news can be obtained at present.

The service dam of the company, located fifteen miles below the reservoir and fifteen miles of flume, just approaching completion were also swept away, although the company had spent over \$800,000 on the enterprise of storing water. The hydraulic mining machine had arrived, and they had expected to commence operations next week.

The dam which held the water back was 110 feet long at its base and forty at the top. It was 110 feet thick at the base and ten feet at the top, forming a lake three miles in length by three-fourths of a mile wide and 110 feet deep. Lieutenant Brodie, in charge of the work, was absent at Phoenix superintending the shipment of machinery to the works and was saved.

Those known to have been drowned are J. Haines, wife and four children, H. Boon and daughters, John Silby, Joseph Reynolds, Mrs. McCarthy and M. Hands McMiller.

Arthur Allen, formerly in the enterprise, and John McDonald, owner of the Blue Lick mine, have just returned from the Dorrville divide, fourteen miles south of the town, from where a view of the dam could be had. The wash of the water could be plainly seen with their powerful glasses high up on the side of the cliff, while the break in the stone-work of the dam was also plainly seen. The break in the dam is sloped to the eastward, leaving the impression that the main break was on the east side.

There can be no estimate yet of the loss of life or property, but the latter will reach into millions, while the loss of life will without doubt be great as many of the families live near the stream in the narrow canyons.

The confirmation of the news of the loss of the big dam has heightened the excitement and more definite news is anxiously awaited, but the wires are now all down near Prescott Junction.

The courier who brought telegrams from the owners of the Walnut Grove dam notifying them of their loss left immediately after daylight yesterday morning. He could give but little particulars further than to recite the number of missing, five bodies having been recovered when he left. The distance to the storage dam from Prescott by the shortest route is forty miles, while the service dam, where the employees were located, is fifteen miles further down the stream.

Immediately on receipt of the news here Adjutant-General O'Neil started for the scene of the disaster with two surgeons to care for the sufferers and superintend the burying of the dead. A representative of the Journal-Miner, a local paper, accompanied the party, and will send a special courier with particulars, but it will take twenty-four hours or longer to make the round trip. Saturday's courier came from the lower dam, and as the road does not come by the upper dam it was only surmised that it had given away on account of the immense quantity of water.

THE BUILDERS TO BLAME.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—Luther Wagner yesterday gave some details of the construction of the great storage dam across Hassayampa river which show that this disaster, like that at Johnston, was, according to him, due to carelessness and meanness of the New York corporation that built it.

Wagner was called in to report on the dam about a year and a half ago. It was to have been faced with stone fourteen feet thick at the base and four feet at the top and filled with loose rock and made water tight with wooden sheathing. It was about half done when Wagner inspected it and he found that the stone had been filled in carelessly and was high in the center, making the structure unstable. The junction of sheathing and bed rock was intended to be secured by thick layers of Portland cement, but this work was not well done because of the cost of getting cement to the works. Thus a dangerous crevice was formed at the base of the dam and the leakage was heavy, being 1.4 inches with seven feet of water in the dam. The lumber used was also full of knotholes.

Wagner ordered the discharge of the contractors and engineers, as he regarded them as worthless, but this was not done. The company, however, acting on his advice, cut a large wasteway and strengthened the weak places. Wagner warned them the dam would be unsafe unless some of the work was gone over and rectified, but they would not listen to him.

MR. Gladstone's Condition. LONDON, Feb. 23.—Mr. Gladstone, who is suffering from an attack of catarrh, is much better to-day.

Naval Reception.

NICE, Italy, Feb. 23.—A reception was given aboard the American war ship Chicago yesterday by Admiral Walker and the officers of the white squadron. The decks of the Chicago were covered with an awning, and the stars and stripes played a conspicuous part with the flags of other nations. The upper decks were profusely decorated with expensive flowers. The bands of the squadron discoursed music. Among the non-Americans present were Captain Fitzgibbon, son of the Duke of Cambridge, and Baron and Baroness Von Seydlitz, the latter one of the Rothschilds.

DUN'S REPORT.

The Weekly Report of the Condition of the Country's Business.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—E. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: While the prevailing impression in business circles is rather less confident than it was a week ago, there are several signs of improvement. Cooler weather has caused a little more activity in some lines of trade. Wheat is a little stronger and, without clearly defined reason, there is a firmer tone in Eastern iron markets, while the reduction in the Bank of England rate from 6 to 5 per cent., with its large gain of \$4,315,000 gold during the past week, diminishes the chance of inconvenient demands from abroad. On the other hand, general trade is not increasing in volume or in profits, and while its soundness is indicated by the occurrence of fewer failures than many expected as the result of phenomenally unseasonable weather, the complaint of slow collections is common and rather increasing. Wool sells slowly, coal is very dull, hardware dull, liquor trade fair, tobacco quiet, with slow collections, and the grain trade generally depressed, with collections very poor.

Wheat exports are still much above last year's and the price has risen 2½ cents, with reports of injury to the growing crop. Corn exports largely exceed last year's and the price is ½ cent lower, with oats ½ cent lower. Pork products are steady and moving outward fairly, and oil, after decreasing a million in the value of exports in January, has declined 1½ cents for the week. Speculation in coffee is stronger at 20 cents, but sugar has not changed. It is difficult to account for a better tone which clearly exists in the iron market here and at Philadelphia, unless it be due to hope that Southern iron, which is now moving from Sheffield at \$2.50 per ton to Pittsburgh and selling there somewhat largely, may hereafter affect Western rates more than Eastern markets.

The business failures occurring throughout the country during the past seven days number 371. For the same week of last year the figures were 270.

NATIONAL EDUCATION.

Conference of Superintendents—A Strong Resolution on Public Schools.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—In the superintendents conference of the National Educational Association, ex-President William E. Shadon proposed a resolution declaring that the association regarded the public school system as the chief source of civilization and the bulwark of civil and religious liberty; that they approved of placing the American flag over school houses, and recommended the study of the Declaration of Independence and other historical American papers; that they should meet hostile criticism and make the public schools the allies of the home, and become sources of the highest moral instruction without any sectarian bias; and that the members pledged themselves to do all in their power to establish the system in all sections of the Republic and make intelligence and loyalty a blessing. It was passed unanimously.

H. S. Tarbol, Providence, R. I., introduced a resolution approving of the recommendation of the Indian Commissioner dealing with the education of Indian children.

The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: President, Andrew S. Draper, of Albany; first vice-president, J. A. B. Lovett, of Huntsville, Ala.; second vice-president, E. B. McElroy, of Salem, Ore.; and secretary, L. W. Day, of Cleveland, O. The next annual meeting of the association will be held in Philadelphia.

SQUATTERS SQUAT.

The Live-Stock Association Calls Upon Chief Mayes to Expel Intruders.

TANLEQUAH, I. T., Feb. 22.—The report which had been prevalent here for the last few days that the Cherokee Strip contained a number of squatters who had moved into the country and commenced to make improvements since the publication of President Harrison's proclamation ordering the cattle-men to vacate the land, was